

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bill McChesney, on February 9, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Shawn Graham, OBPP  
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary  
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Subject Addressed: Montana Department of  
Military Affairs

Executive Action: DP 201, DP 202, DP 203, DP 204,  
DP 1201, DP 1301, DP 2102, DP 3101, DP 3102, DP 2104

**Montana Department of Military Affairs**

00:00:09 Chairman McChesney  
00:01:33 Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Division  
00:03:28 Brigadier General John Walsh, Director of Military  
Affairs

**EXHIBIT(jgh30a01)**

00:07:00 Chairman McChesney

**Centralized Services**

00:07:12 Mr. Stayner  
00:07:47 Karen Revious, Administrator, Centralized Services

**EXHIBIT(jgh30a02)**

00:08:29 Chairman McChesney

**Montana Youth Challenge Program**

00:08:42 Mr. Stayner  
00:09:26 Jan Rouse, Director, Montana Youth Challenge Program

**EXHIBIT(jgh30a03)**

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

00:14:54 Sen. Hansen  
00:15:11 Ms. Rouse  
00:15:54 Sen. Laible  
00:16:26 Ms. Rouse  
00:16:30 Sen. Laible  
00:16:59 Ms. Rouse  
00:18:07 Sen. Laible  
00:18:33 Ms. Rouse  
00:20:00 Sen. Laible  
00:20:26 Ms. Rouse  
00:21:05 Sen. Laible  
00:21:39 Ms. Rouse  
00:22:48 Sen. Laible  
00:23:45 Ms. Rouse  
00:23:52 Sen. Laible  
00:23:57 Sen. Hansen  
00:24:55 Ms. Rouse  
00:26:16 Sen. Zinke  
00:26:34 Ms. Rouse  
00:26:41 Sen. Zinke  
00:27:16 Chairman McChesney  
00:28:10 Ms. Rouse  
00:30:09 Chairman McChesney

00:30:15 Ms. Rouse  
00:30:41 Chairman McChesney  
00:31:36 Ms. Rouse  
00:32:26 Chairman McChesney  
00:33:07 Sen. Laible  
00:33:27 Ms. Rouse  
00:34:33 Sen. Laible  
00:34:38 Ms. Rouse

**Public Comment:**

00:37:18 Larry Hanson, supporter, Montana Youth Challenge  
Program  
00:45:20 Nathaniel Knode, participant, Montana Youth Challenge  
Program  
00:47:04 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association  
00:49:23 Debra Pierce, former participant, Montana Youth  
Challenge  
00:50:35 Chairman McChesney

**Scholarship Program**

00:51:36 Mr. Stayner  
00:52:12 Colonel Jeff Ireland, Director, Scholarship Program

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

00:56:08 Sen. Zinke  
00:56:20 Colonel Ireland  
00:56:44 Sen. Zinke  
00:57:00 Colonel Ireland  
00:57:33 Sen. Zinke  
00:57:46 Colonel Ireland  
00:57:56 Sen. Zinke  
00:58:18 Colonel Ireland  
00:58:26 Sen. Zinke  
00:58:52 Colonel Ireland  
00:59:42 Sen. Zinke  
01:00:19 Colonel Ireland  
01:01:04 Sen. Zinke

**Starbase Program**

01:01:45 Mr. Stayner  
01:02:11 Colonel Ireland, Director, Starbase Program  
01:05:53 Sen. Laible  
01:07:08 Colonel Ireland  
01:08:56 Sen. Laible  
01:09:23 Colonel Ireland

01:10:12 Chairman McChesney

**Montana Army National Guard**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:10:28 Mr. Stayner

01:10:39 Brigadier Stan Putnam, Director, Montana Army National Guard

01:15:30 Dan Hubber, State Facilities Officer, Montana Department of Military Affairs

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

01:18:29 Sen. Zinke

01:19:07 General Putnam

01:20:16 Sen. Zinke

01:22:32 General Putnam

01:23:22 Sen. Zinke

01:23:35 General Putnam

01:23:54 Sen. Laible

01:24:38 Mr. Hubber

01:24:47 Sen. Laible

01:24:57 General Putnam

01:26:38 Sen. Laible

01:27:20 General Putnam

01:27:56 Sen. Laible

01:28:58 General Putnam

01:33:09 Sen. Laible

01:33:16 Rep. Sesso

01:34:09 Mr. Hubber

01:34:36 Rep. Sesso

01:34:50 Mr. Hubber

01:35:08 Rep. Sesso

01:35:21 Mr. Hubber

01:35:32 Rep. Sesso

01:35:51 Mr. Hubber

01:36:08 Rep. Sesso

01:36:25 Mr. Hubber

01:36:42 Rep. Sesso

01:36:58 Mr. Hubber

01:37:08 General Putnam

**Public Comment:**

01:37:44 Kathleen Driscoll, Commissioner, Ravalli County

01:40:28 Chairman McChesney

**Montana Air National Guard**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:40:38 Mr. Stayner

01:41:54 Lieutenant Colonel Jim Oehmcke, Commander, Mission  
Support Group

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

01:43:41 Sen. Hansen

01:43:53 Lt. Col. Oehmcke

01:44:04 General Brad Livingston

01:44:42 Sen. Zinke

01:45:08 Gen. Livingston

01:45:53 Sen. Zinke

01:45:57 Gen. Livingston

01:46:21 Sen. Zinke

01:46:33 Gen. Livingston

01:46:37 Sen. Zinke

01:46:48 Gen. Livingston

01:47:59 Chairman McChesney

**Disaster and Emergency Services**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:48:16 Mr. Stayner

01:48:56 Ken Mesch, Administrator, Disaster and Emergency  
Division

**[EXHIBIT\(jgh30a04\)](#)**

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

01:54:23 Sen. Zinke

01:54:38 Mr. Mesch

01:54:41 Rep. Sesso

01:54:56 Mr. Mesch

01:55:09 Mr. Stayner

01:55:46 Rep. Sesso

01:55:57 Steve Knecht, Deputy Administrator, Disaster and  
Emergency Division

02:01:04 Rep. Sesso

02:01:44 Mr. Stayner

02:02:42 Shawn Graham, OBPP

02:03:18 Rep. Sesso

02:03:28 Mr. Graham

02:03:41 Rep. Sesso  
02:05:07 Mr. Knecht  
02:07:08 Rep. Sesso  
02:07:19 Mr. Graham  
02:08:29 Sen. Hansen  
02:09:20 Mr. Knecht  
02:11:07 Sen. Hansen  
02:11:22 Mr. Knecht  
02:11:26 Sen. Laible  
02:12:03 Mr. Knecht  
02:13:51 Sen. Laible  
02:14:00 Mr. Knecht  
02:14:23 Chairman McChesney

**Public Comment:**

02:14:29 Ms. Driscoll

**Veterans Affairs**

02:15:59 Mr. Stayner  
02:16:28 Joe Foster, Administrator, Veteran's Affairs Division  
[EXHIBIT\(jgh30a05\)](#)

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

02:33:17 Sen. Zinke  
02:34:08 Mr. Foster  
02:34:33 Sen. Zinke  
02:35:16 Mr. Foster  
02:36:35 Sen. Zinke  
02:36:47 Mr. Foster  
02:37:01 Sen. Zinke  
02:37:41 Mr. Foster  
02:37:45 Sen. Laible  
02:37:50 Mr. Foster  
02:38:58 Sen. Laible  
02:39:02 Mr. Foster  
02:39:32 Sen. Laible  
02:39:41 Mr. Foster  
02:39:56 Sen. Laible  
02:40:31 Mr. Foster  
02:42:42 Sen. Laible  
02:42:56 Mr. Foster  
02:44:14 Sen. Laible  
02:44:25 Mr. Foster  
02:45:23 Sen. Laible  
02:45:48 Mr. Foster

**Public Comment:**

02:48:05 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, retired military  
02:53:32 Ms. Driscoll  
02:55:27 Michael Clouse, Department Commander, Disabled Veterans  
03:00:07 Chairman McChesney  
  
03:00:22 Recess  
03:11:15 Reconvene  
  
03:11:16 Chairman McChesney

**Executive Action:**

03:11:45 Mr. Stayner  
  
03:12:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **DP 201**, improve Challenge recruiting efforts, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Sen. Laible voting by proxy.  
  
03:12:41 Mr. Stayner  
  
03:12:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **DP 202**, funding for Challenge 24/7 overtime, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Sen. Laible voting by proxy.  
  
03:13:21 Mr. Stayner  
  
03:13:34 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved that **DP 203**, Challenge mentoring activity support, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Sen. Laible voting by proxy.  
  
03:13:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that **DP 204**, federal spending authority for Challenge training, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Sen. Laible voting by proxy.  
  
03:14:57 Mr. Stayner  
  
03:15:17 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved that **DP 1201** operational support for new ARNG Army National Guard facilities **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.  
  
03:15:52 Rep. Sesso

03:16:16 Mr. Stayner

03:16:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **DP 1202**, 100% federal support for Air National Guard operations, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:16:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **DP 1301**, federal spending authority for Air National Guard ANG firefighter overtime, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:21:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **DP 2101**, state revenue spending authority, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:22:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that **DP 2103**, Disaster and Emergency Services duty officer overtime, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:22:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McNutt moved that **DP 2102**, additional federal spending authority, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:23:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **DP 3101**, VA cemetery operations support, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:23:47 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved that **DP 3102**, expand and enhance statewide veterans services, **BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** to change station in Missoula instead of Polson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.

03:24:18 Sen. Laible

03:25:13 Chairman McChesney

03:25:52 Mr. Graham

03:26:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **DP 2104**, correct funding of the adjusted base to \$274,859 for the biennium, **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney voting by proxy.



03:27:16 Mr. Graham  
03:27:21 Rep. Sesso  
03:27:45 Mr. Graham  
03:27:47 Rep. Sesso  
03:27:59 Mr. Graham  
03:28:33 Rep. Sesso  
03:28:55 Sen. Zinke  
03:29:06 Mr. Stayner  
03:29:22 Chairman McChesney

03:29:28 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved to create a DP to fund  
\$24,900 a year to keep vets in Ravalli County served.

**Discussion:**

03:32:25 Mr. Stayner  
03:33:12 Mr. Foster  
03:25:52 Sen. Laible  
03:25:59 Chairman McChesney  
03:26:14 Sen. Laible  
03:26:43 Mr. Stayner  
03:27:17 Chairman McChesney  
03:27:39 Sen. Laible withdrew the motion.

03:27:48 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved to establish a DP to fund a  
movable and reconfigurable improved explosive device  
(IED) detection and defend training system ISO Montana  
National Guard for \$750,000.

03:28:14 Rep. Sesso  
03:28:22 Sen. Zinke withdrew the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:28:47 Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

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Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jgh30aad.pdf](#))**